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IN RE UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANTS

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Sir:

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35 U.S.C. 133; 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17

Applicants transmit herewith a response to an outstanding Office Action regarding the above-identified Application. Because the shortened statutory period expired May 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request an extension of time for a period of two months, to extend the period for filing an appropriate paper responsive to the outstanding Office Action from May 24, 2003 to July 24, 2003.

Applicants qualify as a small entity. Accordingly, the undersigned encloses a check in the amount of \$205.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

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